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OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND
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IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
APPLICATION OF	:	Administrative Action
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HUBERT EDWARDS	:	CONSENT ORDER GRANTING RESTRICTED
	:	CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE
FOR CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE	:	ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING
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IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Committee"), upon review of respondent's application for certification. In respondent's application, he disclosed that in 1989 he plead guilty to a crime of the third degree, involving inappropriate conduct with a female.

Respondent appeared pro se before the Committee on April 10, 2006 to discuss his criminal history and his qualifications for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor. He testified about his successful alcohol and drug rehabilitation more than fourteen

(14) years ago and his career as an alcohol and drug counselor. In response to Committee questions about the conviction, the applicant testified that the crime occurred more than seventeen (17) years ago while he was addicted to drugs. Since that time he has been in recovery, has completed treatment at Integrity House, successfully worked as a counselor and developed a strong support system.

The applicant testified that he has successfully worked at Integrity House as a counselor for over ten years and has limited his practice to working with male adolescents. Mr. Edwards discussed how his alcohol and drug rehabilitation has changed his life, acknowledged the seriousness of the mistaken conduct leading to his guilty plea, and that he prays that he can continue to do "the right thing."

The Committee has reviewed Mr. Edwards' application, evidence of success on the part of the applicant in the field of alcohol and drug counseling and that his employer is aware of his past criminal history. The Committee has taken into consideration that the applicant has had no criminal convictions in more than sixteen (16) years. The Committee has also considered the applicant's acknowledgment of errors in his past, as well as his remorse and his decision to restrict his practice to the male client population. The Committee finding that the following disposition of this matter is adequately protective of the public, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 24th DAY OF March, 2007

ORDERED:

1. Mr. Edwards shall be granted a restricted certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling conditioned upon compliance with the terms of this Consent Order and all requirements for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor.

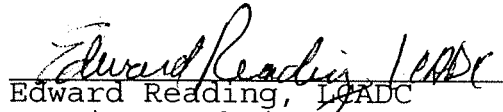
2. Mr. Edwards may only engage in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling at a facility licensed by the Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services ("DAS"), or other Committee approved site and shall limit his practice to the male client population of such a facility.

3. Mr. Edwards shall be precluded from engaging in any independent or private practice.

4. Mr. Edwards must be supervised pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.3 and shall be precluded from supervising any practice of alcohol and drug counseling, including but not limited to the supervision of certified alcohol and drug counselors (CADCs) or trainees, unless and until the Committee issues a subsequent written order granting him an unrestricted license to practice alcohol and drug counseling. The supervisor shall be provided with a copy of this order and shall sign a copy of this Order. In the event Mr. Edwards changes supervisors, or his place of employment, he shall be required to submit to the Committee within ten (10) days of changing supervisors, a copy of the within Order, signed by the new supervisor. All supervisors signing a copy of this order shall be required to send written notification to the Committee if Mr. Edwards engages in any activity indicative of a relapse, or contrary to the statutes, regulations and codes of ethics governing the practice of alcohol and drug counseling or if supervision of Mr. Edwards ceases, giving the reason for ending the supervision. The supervisor is required to send the written notification regarding any change in supervision within ten (10) days of the change in supervision. Failure to provide the Committee with

updated information regarding supervision may be considered a violation of this Order.

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Edward Reading, LEADC
Committee Chair

I have read the above order
and I understand and agree to
abide by its terms. Consent is
hereby given to the Alcohol and
Drug Counselor Committee of the
State Board of Marriage and Family
Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.


Hubert Edwards

I have read the within Order. I agree
to supervise all alcohol and drug
counseling provided by Hubert Edwards
and to advise the Committee in writing
of any violations of the Consent Order.

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